

Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Texas Bench/Bar Conference 2005

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Judge Harlin D. Hale, NDTX Debbie Langehennig, Austin

8.5 hours CLE credit (including 1.5 hours ethics credit)

WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2005

5:30 Opening reception – Westin LaCantera Resort

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THURSDAY, June 2, 2005

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast

9:00 a.m. Welcome Judge Harlin D. Hale, NDTX
Debbie Langehennig, Austin

9:15 a.m. Harmony Committee Report Moderator – Judge Larry E. Kelly, WDTX

Committee: Judge Leif M. Clark, WDTX; Judge Bill Parker, EDTX; Judge Richard S. Schmidt, SDTX; Judge Barbara J. Houser, NDTX

Harmony? With this group, it is harder to find harmony than it is to find lead.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Breakout sessions (with roundtable discussion):

Business – Committee Appointments; Employment Issues; UST Initiatives

William T. Neary, U.S. Trustee, Region 6 Richard W. Simmons, U.S. Trustee, Region 7

Anyone who wants to represent a committee deserves to represent a committee.

Mama don't let your babies grow up to be committee counsel. Ah, heck, it ain't that bad.

Consumer – Ongoing Mortgage Payments Through the Chapter 13 Trustee

Judge Richard S. Schmidt, SDTX; Debbie Langehennig, Austin; Mary Daffin, Houston; Robert Wilson, Lubbock;

Christine March, Houston; John Ventura, Austin

If this panel can't tell you everything you need to know about ongoing mortgage payments through the Chapter 13 Trustee (otherwise known as "Texas Hold 'Em") then nobody can.

11:30 a.m. Lunch (included in registration fee)

Speaker - Fifth Circuit Judge Edward Prado, San Antonio

The Fifth Circuit: number five on your program but number one in your heart.

1:00 p.m. Empirical Research - Credit Cards

Professor Ronald Mann - University of Texas Law School, Austin

Empirical? We thought he played the lead in "The Last Samurai." Now cutting up those credit cards wouldn't be a bad idea.

2:00 p.m. Breakout: (with roundtable discussion)

Business - Streamlining the Chapter 11 Small Business Case

Judge Ronald B. King, WDTX; Charles A. Beckham, Jr., Houston; Mike Kelly, Odessa

Tough to slim down an elephant, but this "low carb" panel is going to try.

Consumer - New Cases Affecting Consumer Practice: Till, Hood and Anything Else New Under the Sun

Judge Robert L. Jones, NDTX; Janet Casciato Northrup, Houston; Hilary Bonial, Dallas

Till? Hood? Since Till, creditors think there is not enough money in the "till." As for "Hood," don't ask me to go there.

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Breakout sessions by district (moderated by Chief Judges from each district)

6:00 p.m. Depart for dinner on the Riverwalk (ticketed event)

FRIDAY, June 3, 2005

7:00 a.m. 5k Fun Run

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast

9:00 a.m. The Age of the Electronic Courtroom

Judge Steven A. Felsenthal, NDTX; Barney Given, El Paso; Traci Davis, Director of Judicial Services, NDTX

Wired for sound. Just don't get shocked in the process.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Judges' Panel on Courtroom Practice (Ethics credit)

Judge Marvin Isgur, SDTX; Judge Brenda T. Rhoades, EDTX; Judge Russ Nelms, NDTX; Judge Jeff Bohm, SDTX

Combined experience on the bench - five years or less. Combined experience in practice, "priceless." This should be good.

Conclusion of CLE program

Afternoon: Golf Tournament (ticketed event)

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Please indicate which events you plan to a	ttend: (some require additional fees, as indicated)	
Wednesday evening cocktail reception	n – Sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute	
Thursday evening dinner on the Rive	rwalk (\$60 per ticket. Transportation to/from the Riv	erwalk provided.)
Consumer breakout sessions. OR	Business breakout sessions.	
Friday morning 5k fun run (7:00 a.m	.) – Sponsored event	
Friday afternoon golf tournament (\$1	40 per player) (limited to 40 golfers).	
Registration fee \$300)	
Dinner on the Riverwalk \$60)	
Golf tournament \$140)	
Total Fee enclosed		
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